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HOG INVENTORY UP 14 PERCENT

The December 1, 2010 inventory of all hogs and pigs in Wyoming totaled 99,000 head, compared with 87,000 head last year, according to Sofiya Cherni with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. Breeding inventory was 28,000, unchanged from last year. Market hogs came in at 71,000, up 12,000 from last year. The market hogs on hand consisted of 42,000 head (59%) under 50 pounds, 14,000 (20%) weighing between 50 and 119 pounds, 10,000 (14%) between 120 and 179 pounds and 5,000 (7%) weighing 180 pounds and over.

A total of 64,000 sows farrowed during the 12-month period ending December 1, 2010. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.61 for an annual pig crop of 679,000 pigs. The pig crop was up 15 percent from the same period a year earlier, when 62,000 sows farrowed 593,000 pigs.

UNITED STATES: **U.S. inventory** of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2010 was 64.3 million head. This was down 1 percent from December 1, 2009, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2010.

Breeding inventory, at 5.78 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.5 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2010 pig crop, at 28.2 million head, was down slightly from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, down 2 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.89 for the September-November 2010 period, compared to 9.70 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY AND PIG CROP, WYOMING AND U.S., 2009-2010

	2009	2010	10/09
	1,000 head		Percent
WYOMING			
All Hogs & Pigs, Dec 1	87	99	114
for Breeding	28	28	100
for Market	59	71	120
Annual Sows Farrowed, Dec-Nov 1/	62.0	64.0	103
Annual Pig Crop	593.0	679.0	115
UNITED STATES			
All Hogs & Pigs, Dec 1	64,887	64,325	99
for Breeding	5,850	5,778	99
for Market	59,037	58,547	99
Annual Sows Farrowed, Dec-Nov 1/	11,904	11,555	97
Annual Pig Crop	114,542.0	112,988.8	99
1/ December preceding year.			